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5	SECURITIES INVESTOR		
6	PROTECTION CORPORATION,		
7	Plaintiff,		
8	v. Adv. Case No. 08-01789(SMB)		
9	BERNARD L. MADOFF		
10	INVESTMENT SECURITIES		
11	LLC,		
12	Defendant.		
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16	One Bowling Green		
17	New York, New York 10004-1408		
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23	BEFORE:		
24	HON STUART M. BERNSTEIN		
25	U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE		

Page 2 1 Hearing re: Thirty-First Application of Trustee and Baker & 2 Hostetler LLP for Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary 3 Expenses Incurred from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 4 5 for Baker & Hostetler, L.L.P., Trustee's Attorney, period: 6 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$32929220.70, expenses: 7 \$578,705.53. 8 9 Hearing re: Application of Schiltz & Schiltz as Special 10 Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation 11 for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred 12 from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Schiltz & 13 Schiltz, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, 14 fee: \$158,856.72, expenses: \$12,651.01. 15 16 Hearing re: Application of Higgs & Johnson )Formerly Higgs 17 Johnson Truman Bodden & Co.) as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services 18 Rendered from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Higgs 19 20 & Johnson (formerly Higgs Johnson Truman Bodden & Co.), 21 Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: 22 \$3,190.51, expenses: \$222.52. 23 24 Hearing re: Thirtieth Application of Windels Marx Lane & 25 Mittendorf, LLP for Allowance of Interim Compensation for

Page 3 1 Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary 2 Expenses Incurred from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 3 for Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fees: \$1,530,875.50, 4 5 expenses: \$12,065.18. 6 7 Hearing re: Application of Soroker Agmon Nordman as Special 8 Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation 9 for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred 10 from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Soroker Agmon 11 Nordman, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, 12 fee: \$509.305.46, expenses: \$47,308.59. 13 14 Hearing re: Application of Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwalte 15 GmbH as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of 16 Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement 17 of Expenses Incurred from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 18 2019 for Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwalte GmbH, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$143,753.05, 19 20 expenses: \$5,561.26. 21 22 Hearing re: Twenty-Fifty Application of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Special Counsel to the Trustee for 23 24 Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and 25 Reimbursement for Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP,

Page 4 1 Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: 2 \$31,795.97, expenses: \$1,543.64. 3 4 Hearing re: Final Application of Williams, Barristers & 5 Attorneys as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of 6 Compensation for Services Rendered from April 1, 2019 7 through October 8, 2019 and Release of Fees Previously Held 8 Back for Williams, Barristers & Attorneys, Special Counsel, 9 period: 4/1/2019 to 10/8/2019, fee: \$97,380.26, expense: \$0. 10 11 Hearing re: Application of UGGC & Associes as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation 12 13 for Services Rendered from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 14 2019 for UGGC & Associes, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 15 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$120,137.13, expenses: \$0. 16 17 Hearing re: Application of Browne Jacobson, LLP as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation 18 19 for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Actual and 20 Necessary Expenses Incurred from April 1, 2019 through July 21 31, 2019 for Browne Jacobson, LLP, Special Counsel, period: 22 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$578,030.22, expenses: 23 \$5,688.01. 24 25 Hearing re: Application of Eugene F. Collins as Special

Page 5 1 Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation 2 for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred 3 from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Eugene F. Collins, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, 4 fee: \$7,075.58, expense: \$41.41. 5 6 7 Hearing re: Application of Robbins, Russell, Englert, 8 Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber LLP as Special Counsel to the 9 Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services 10 Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred from April 11 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Robbins, Russell, Englert, 12 Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber LLP, Special Counsel, period: 13 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$82,036.35, expenses: \$770.44. 14 15 Hearing re: Sixth Application of The Scaletta Law Firm, 16 PLLC as Special Counsel to the Trustee for Allowance of 17 Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement 18 of Expenses Incurred from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for The Scaletta Law Firm, PLLC, Special counsel, 19 20 period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$16,074.45, expenses: 21 \$42.44. 22 23 Hearing re: Twenty-Sixth Application of Young Conaway 24 Stargatt & Taylor, LLP as Special Counsel to the Trustee for 25 Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services Rendered and

Page 6 1 Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary Expenses Incurred from 2 April 1, 2019 Through July 31, 2019 for Young Conaway 3 Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$31,795.97, expenses: \$1,543.64. 4 5 6 Hearing re: Sixth Application of Robbins, Russell, Englert, 7 Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber LLP as Special Counsel to the 8 Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services 9 Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred from April 10 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for Robbins, Russell, Englert, 11 Orseck, Untereiner & Sauber LLP, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: \$82,036.35, expenses: \$770.44. 12 13 14 Hearing re: Application of SCA Creque as Special Counsel to 15 the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation for 16 Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred 17 from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 for SCA Creque, 18 Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 7/31/2019, fee: 19 \$50.670.77, expenses: \$160. 20 21 Hearing re: Application of Werder Vigano as Special Counsel 22 to the Trustee for Allowance of Interim Compensation for Services Rendered from April 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 23 24 for Werder Vigano, Special Counsel, period: 4/1/2019 to 25 7/31/2019, fee: \$3,681.33, expenses: \$0.

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Page 8 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE COURT: Please be seated. Good morning. Madoff? 3 4 MR. SHEEHAN: Good morning, Your Honor --5 THE COURT: Good morning. 6 MR. SHEEHAN: -- David Sheehan from Baker 7 Hostetler for the trustee and for the firm in the Madoff 8 matter. 9 This is the 31st fee application, so you certainly 10 know what we've submitted. And I really want to talk very 11 briefly about this morning is the foreign applications would 12 show was due since you're very familiar with what's going on 13 in virtually every case now in the United States side, and 14 since I'm going that why don't I talk about Israel first. 15 This -- recently we advised you that there are two 16 actions. The one here obviously in front of you and then 17 one in -- over in Israel. We have settled with the initial 18 transferee R. Green (ph) and his family, that -- and now we're contemplating -- well we haven't sued in Israel 19 20 against the subsequents there --21 THE COURT: The charitable organization? 22 MR. SHEEHAN: The charitable organization. 23 a result they're moving it along. There's a hearing next 24 Monday in the courthouse there with regard to that. 25 Probably be another hearing some time six months later.

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then their trial after that.

So very well -- we're not sure -- and you have asked me this question before, and quite frankly I think that it is more likely they'll -- we'll end up trying to case in Israel, that was not our preference, but it seems to be moving that way.

THE COURT: Does that prevent the settlements from going forward here?

MR. SHEEHAN: No, and what we're doing now in the hearing that's going to take place, we have hired a mediator in Israel, and he's gotten -- as you might suspect the charities aren't very interested in talking to us -- so we're working with him. We think it would settle with (indiscernible), that it wasn't a lot of money of course in terms of what we've collected in other cases, but since it's behind us and he was indeed on the boards of many of these places, has intimate familiarity with them, we think that'll lend itself towards a settlement, in which we intend to be very reasonable since the nature of the defendant is there as well.

So hopefully over the next month or two we'll have some real movement in this case beyond just sharp reading.

You'll see substantial numbers of course again with our attorneys in England. Given the reporting period, which in the recent months is back further, that was when we

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were doing King Gate and they were heavily involved and (indiscernible) action in the United Kingdom, we had many court hearings there, they assisted us in all those, represented us really because we couldn't really appear in the UK, and so you'll see probably in the future a real drop off of those hours.

Similarly Williams, which was the attorney in Bermuda, this will be his last fee application and we're recommending that he be paid for all of his hold back as a result of that, because there's no longer a need to be in Bermuda.

And Luxenburger (ph) is a little bit higher
because what has happened there is there have been hearings
taking place in which we have an interest in one of the
witnesses there, he's a central figure in our Lucsofa (ph)
case, so that's Mr. Peel (ph), and he's testifying, and so
we sent trial attorneys over to work with our local counsel,
Schultz, who's representing us in those hearings and work
with them. So you see that those are all cases that are
moving along and the hours reflect that.

So in terms of the firm, as I said you're very familiar with everything that's transpiring there.

There are no objections to the fee applications, and I would respectfully request that the order -- Your Honor enter an order approving them.

Page 11 1 THE COUT: Thank you. 2 MR. SHEEHAN: All right? Thank you. THE COURT: Mr. Bell? 3 MR. BELL: Good morning, Your Honor --4 5 THE COURT: Good morning. 6 MR. BELL: -- Kevin Bell on behalf of the 7 Securities Investor Protection Corporation. 8 Day 4,019, day 2 of years 12. This has been a 9 long trek. I think your decision of three weeks ago has 10 sent the message that I think you sent on Valentine's Day 11 2014 about strict liability, and since your decision three 12 defendants have decided either to change counsel and have 13 settled, and I expect that will happen, because I think that 14 decision and your order of Monday will cause people to 15 reconsider and possibly a lot of the good faith actions by 16 the next time we're here will have moved forward. 17 So you know, as we entered the -- as we're in the 18 133rd month of this case it's been a long trek, you may have seen the Supreme Court ask the solicitor general on Monday 19 20 when the solicitor general would do that report is 21 questionable, so I couldn't tell you when --22 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 23 MR. BELL: -- and I can't tell my principals when 24 that will occur based on history, but I think that, you know, as you see with our recommendations, as I say all the 25

Page 12 1 time and as I do all the time, I read every entry, and we 2 make suggestions of reductions, and you'll see in Baker's at paragraph 5 there's been a reduction of 14.38 percent, which 3 is above the 10 percent voluntary, and in Windel's in 4 paragraph 3 there's a reduction of 17.31 percent above -- a 5 6 little bit above the 10 percent. 7 So -- and Mr. Sheehan has talked about the 8 foreigns, SIPC recommends payment of the final for 9 Mr. Williams and his firm, and the King Gate settlement has 10 had -- will have a major effect on the number of lawyers, 11 counsel, and the amounts they will charge going forward, 12 because King Gate has been a major case, it's the third 13 largest settlement in this proceeding as the Court knows. Therefore, SIPC would ask of the Court to -- enter 14 15 an order to approve the fees and to enter an order approving 16 all of these requests of money. 17 THE COURT: What's the hold back that we've been 18 using in these cases? 19 MR. BELL: Baker has 10 percent, everybody else is 20 20 percent, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: Okay. 22 MR. BELL: And has you know --THE COURT: What's the reason for the 23 24 distinguishing Baker from everyone else? 25 MR. BELL: Negotiation.

Page 13 1 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Does anyone else 2 want to be heard in connection with the fee applications? 3 Hearing no response I'll approve -- AND nobody has said it, but it sounds to me like the estate is still 4 5 administratively insolvent so I have to accept SIPC's --6 MR. SHEEHAN: Yeah --7 THE COURT: -- recommendation. MR. SHEEHAN: I don't want to contradict my 8 9 colleague here, but I think --10 THE COURT: Hope springs eternal, but --11 MR. SHEEHAN: (Indiscernible) spring eternal, but 12 we're at 14.2 with the King Gate settlement. Because of the 13 502(h), the amount is now about \$20 billion. 14 THE COURT: Right. 15 MR. SHEEHAN: So it's (indiscernible) that's 16 taking place. 17 So to get another \$6 billion is going to be very 18 difficult, so I think the chances of a general estate are 19 very slim to none. 20 THE COURT: Based upon that representation and 21 SIPC's recommendation I will allow Baker's fees subject to a 22 ten percent hold back. 23 What have we been doing with the trustee, the same 24 thing? Does the trustee get a commission in --25 MR. BELL: Excuse me, Your Honor?

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1	THE COURT: Does the trustee get a commission?
2	MR. BELL: No.
3	THE COURT: No, okay. I'll allow the Bermuda
4	counsel as a final fee application in full, and the rest of
5	the applications 20 percent on an interim basis, and I
6	didn't mention it, but 100 percent of the expenses on an
7	interim basis.
8	You can submit an order. Thank you.
9	MR. SHEEHAN: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.
10	MR. BELL: Thank you, Your Honor.
11	(Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 10:26
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